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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed November 4, 2003, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-17 and 25-27, drawn to a method of promoting angiogenesis in a subject comprising administering an angiogenic amount of a hedgehog polypeptide or agonist thereof. Applicants elect this invention with traverse, because the invention of Group I, claims 1-17 and 25-27, and the invention of Group III, claims 18-24 and 30-34, encompass overlapping subject matter based on methods of modulating angiogenesis. Accordingly, Groups I and III could be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden.

The Restriction Requirement additionally contained a requirement to elect particular agents (e.g., one sequence, one chemical moiety, one agent, and one specific variable) within the elected group. Applicants elect with traverse SEQ ID NO: 15 which corresponds to human Sonic hedgehog. Applicants additionally elect, for search purposes only, the following species which correspond to chemical moieties and agents: polyalkylene glycol polymer and VEGF.